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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – CT Department - Surprise Check conducted over the Integrated Check Post, Purushothtapuram, Itchapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District on 09.01.2017 – Certain irregularities noticed – Common Disciplinary Proceedings initiated – Articles of charges against Sri L.Dharmarao, Forest Beat Officer, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.386 **Dated:26.04.2022**
Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.405, Revenue (Vig.II) Dept, dated:26.04.2022.

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O R D E R :

In continuation of the orders issued under Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 in the reference read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri L.Dharmarao, Forest Beat Officer, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the said rules.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I) and the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III & IV).

3. Sri L.Dharmarao, Forest Beat Officer, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District is directed to submit his written statement of defense, within seven days of the receipt of this order.

4. He is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri L.Dharmarao, Forest Beat Officer, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District is further informed that if he does not submit this written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para 3 above, or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders /directions issued in pursuance of the said rules the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

6. Attention of Sri L.Dharmarao, Forest Beat Officer, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made a this instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(P.T.O)

7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

N.GULZAR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (CT)

To

Sri L.Dharmarao, Forest Beat Officer, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District (w.e, Annexures-I to IV) **through** the Environment, Forests, Science and Technology (Sec.IV) Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi. (with a request to serve the order on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature to Government).

Copy to

The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Pandit Nehru Bus Station, NTR Administration Block, 2nd Floor, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

The Environment, Forests, Science and Technology (Sec.IV) Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi.

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI L. DHARMA RAO, FOREST BEAT OFFICER, INTEGRATED CHECK POST, PURUSHOTTAPURAM, ICHAPURAM IN SC.NO.1/SC-ACB/SKL/2017 OF ACB, SRIKAKULAM RANGE.

Sri L.Dharmarao S/o late Seethanna, Forest Beat Officer, previously worked at the O/o integrated check Post, Purushottapuram, Ichapuram, Srikakulam District on the date of surprise check. He joined as Reserve Watcher, Makarajola beat of Kasibugga Range on 01.10.1988. Later he got promotion as Asst. Beat Officer on 16.6.1992 and worked at Palakonda, Kasibugga, Srikakulam and Pathapatnam ranges, further he got promotion as Forest Beat Officer on 29.07.2007 and on subsequent postings, he was posted to Bogabani beat of Kasibugga Range on 8.11.2014 and worked there from that date to the date of surprise check and while working as forest beat officer at integrated check post on the date of surprise check, he committed the following grave mis-conduct in as much as..

CHARGE:-

That Sri L.Dharmarao S/o late Seethanna, Forest Beat Officer, O/o Integrated check Post, Purushottapuram, Ichapuram, Srikakulam District was supposed to attend duty from 7 AM on 09.01.2017 to 7 AM on 10.01.2017 but he did not turn up for his duty.

Thus the Govt. Servant by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Govt. Servant and thereby violated Rule 4(1) and contravened Rule 3(1) & (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI L. DHARMARAO, FOREST BEAT OFFICER, INTEGRATED CHECK POST, PURUSHOTTAPURAM, ICHAPURAM IN SC.NO.1/SC-ACB/SKL/2017 OF ACB, SRIKAKULAM RANGE.

Sri L.Dharmarao S/o late Seethanna, Forest Beat Officer, previously worked at the O/o integrated check Post, Purushottapuram, Ichapuram, Srikakulam District on the date of surprise check. His date of birth is on 15.07.1968. He joined as Reserve Watcher, Makarajola beat of Kasibugga Range on 01.10.1988. Later he got promotion as Asst. Beat Officer on 16.06.1992 and worked at Palakonda, Kasibugga, Srikakulam and Pathapatnam ranges, further he got promotion as Forest Beat Officer on 29.07.2007 and on subsequent postings, he was posted to Bogabani beat of Kasibugga Range on 08.11.2014 and worked there from that date to the date of surprise check. He is drawing basic pay of Rs. 37,100/- and he is attaining superannuation on 31.07.2028 and while working as forest beat officer at integrated check post on the date of surprise check, he committed the following grave mis-conduct in as much as. (He is here-in-after called as Government Servant).

CHARGE:-

That Sri L.Dharmarao S/o late Seethanna, Forest Beat Officer, O/o Integrated check Post, Purushottapuram, Ichapuram, Srikakulam District was supposed to attend duty from 7 AM on 09.01.2017 to 7 AM on 10.1.2017 but he did not turn up for his duty.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:-

On credible information that the employees of Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Ichapuram, Srikakulam District were indulging in corrupt practices habitually by collecting illegal gratification directly and also through private persons by abusing their official position, from the crew of goods vehicles, passing through the check post, without conducting physical verification of the vehicles, connected records of the goods being transported in the vehicles and thereby gaining pecuniary advantage for themselves and causing pecuniary loss to the Govt. exchequer, the officials of the ACB, Srikakulam Range conducted a surprise check on the integrated check post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram, Srikakulam on 09.01.2017 from 04.30 AM to 02.00 PM in the presence of the official mediators.

During the proceedings, on the instructions of the DSP, ACB the ACTO Sri M.V. Satyanarayana produced the duty charts of all the departments of integrated check post for the month of January, 2017 and as per the duty chart Sri L.Dharmarao, Forest Beat Officer was supposed to attend duty from 7 AM on 09.01.2017 to 7 AM on 10.1.2017 but he did not turn up for his duty. During the proceedings, DSP, ACB seized the duty register maintained from 01.01.2017 to 08.01.2017 written upto page No.29 and attendance register duly obtaining the signatures of the mediators.

The evidence on record is sufficient to prove that the Government servant was absent from duty at the time of surprise check without any leave or prior permission from the in-charge of the integrated check post.

Thus the Govt. Servant by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Govt. Servant and thereby violated Rule 4(1) and contravened Rule 3(1) & (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

The Government Servant has therefore rendered himself liable for regular departmental action for minor penalty.

Hence the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI L. DHARMARAO, FOREST BEAT OFFICER, INTEGRATED CHECK POST, PURUSHOTTAPURAM, ICHAPURAM, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT IN SC.NO.01/SC-ACB/SKL/2017 OF ACB, SRIKAKULAM RANGE ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1	Original mediators report dated on 09.01.2017 from 4.30 AM to 02.00 PM drafted at ICP, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram.
2	Attendance register.
3	Duty chart of the employees of integrated check post for the month of January, 2017
4	Duty Register maintained from 01.01.2017 to 08.01.2017 of integrated check post.
5	Any other document as necessary will be produced later.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI L. DHARMARAO, FOREST BEAT OFFICER, INTEGRATED CHECK POST, PURUSHOTTAPURAM, ICHAPURAM, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT IN SC.NO.01/SC-ACB/SKL/2017 OF ACB, SRIKAKULAM RANGE ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1	Sri Mulaga Muralidhara Rao, S/o Narasinga Rao, age 49 years, Dy. District Extension and Media Officer, O/o the Dist. Medical & Health Officer, Srikakulam. Rio Plot No. 214, Jai Santhoshimatha Nilayam, Khalighat Colony, Cantonment, Vizianagaram. Phone: 9440512447.
2	Sri Vishnubhatla Venugopala Rao, S/o late Sanyasi Naidu, age 40 years, Typist, O/o District Medical & Health Officer, Srikakulam. R/o Chinnapondara Street, 1st Ward, Balaga, Srikakulam. Phone: 9059892562.
3	Sri Pappu Srinivaasa Rao, S/o P.B.Kalidas, 52 Yrs, Asst Executive Engineer, Section-I of R&B specila Sub Division, Srikakulam, Rio door No 45-58-5/14(1), Narasimhanagar, Visakhapatnam.
4	Sri Munasa Suresh Kumar S/o Pyda Rao, 30 Yrs, Senior Asst, O/o Dy.Exe. Engineer, R&B Sub Division, Palakonda Rio Door No 20-94-10, Town Kotha Road, Visakhapatnam.
5	Sri M.V.Satyanarayana, ACTO, integrated check post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram
6	Sri K.Rajendra Rao, Deputy Superintendent of Police, ACB, Srikakulam Range.
7	Sri P.Srinivas Rao, Inspector of police, ACB, Srikakulam Range.

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